

Churches

Torrance Singers to Take Part In 'Messiah' Presentation Today

Dorothy Dallas of Torrance will sing the soprano lead and singers from two local churches will join a group of more than 100 persons who will sing Handel's "Messiah" today at 4 p.m. in St. Cross Episcopal Church, 1818 Monterey, Hermosa Beach.

The recital is sponsored by the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches and the Church Federation in Los Angeles. Today's performance will be one of 50 to be delivered simultaneously in areas throughout Southern California, according to Melville H. Tully, area manager.

Neill Hill, director of the Choral Department at El Camino College, will direct the "Messiah," which has been sung to ushers in the Christmas season for the past six years. The El Camino orchestra will provide accompaniment, and Mrs. Melville Tully will play the organ.

The event has grown from participation by 80 churches in 10 areas in 1946 to the present 700 churches in 50 areas. The following churches and organizations will participate in the presentation.

First Christian Church of Torrance; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Torrance; El Camino College (Glee Club); Los Cincoros, Hollywood Riviera; South Bay Civic Light Opera Assoc., which has members from Torrance; St. Cross Episcopal Church, Hermosa Beach; Christ Episcopal Church, Redondo Beach; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the First Methodist and First Baptist Churches, all of Redondo; and the Manhattan Beach Community Church. More than 70,000 people are expected to attend the various performances.

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Lawrence Harvey, operator of Harvey Machine Co. here, got into more dam trouble this week. Harvey wants to build a 560-foot dam on the Copper River in Alaska.

However, the Alaska Fisheries Board and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service say that Harvey's dam would kill 90 per cent of the fish in the Copper River.

They have filed protests with the Federal Power Commission opposing the granting of a preliminary permit to Harvey to check the possibilities of building the dam. The Fish and Wildlife Service says that 90 per cent of the river's runs of red king and silver salmon, worth \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually, would be killed by the dam.

The local concern said that it wanted to develop a 1,475,000-horsepower dam to energize a reduction plan at Cordova or Valdez. Cordova, Alaska, is 85 miles downstream from the proposed dam site.

NOBODY'S DRIVING
Kansas City, Mo.—Investigating how a car wrapped itself around a light pole, cops questioned the two occupants of the car. Neither would say who was at the wheel. In fact, both men stoutly insisted they had been dozing at the time of the crash. They were charged with careless driving.

MUSSES SHOES, SUES CITY
Salt Lake City, Utah.—Alex T. Angelidis put his foot into some soft rot when he got out of his car recently. Claiming the tar ruined his shoes, he wants the city either to clean them or get him another pair—at a cost of \$18.95.

Reflections
By J. HUGH SHERFEE, JR.
DRY LEAVES AND PEOPLE
I watched dry leaves float to the ground or become embroiled in a smother of action as a breeze picked them up, tossed, rolled and slid them here and there. Some people are like those leaves.

A speaker on a soap box or rostrum utters words that send our thoughts sliding, rolling into a smother of confusion. Like those leaves we pass over hard surface facts and land in a heap.

A six year old boy asked his father, "Why is it light?" His father explained, "The sun is our source of light," and the boy was satisfied. A few days later, the sky was overcast. The boy looked at the shadowless room, the leaden sky, turned to his father, shook his head. "You're wrong. No sun. Light though." That boy isn't going to be a leaf; he's going to think through a subject before he accepts it. Don't be a leaf. Sift and evaluate words; go against the wind, if your destination lies in that direction.

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REV. CARREL AAGARD
... To Visit Waleria

Minister Bound For Philippines To Speak Here

Rev. Carrel Aagard, soon to leave the States for missionary service at the Doane Evangelistic Institute in Iloilo City, in the Philippines, will be the guest missionary speaker at the First Baptist Church of Waleria, Park and Newton Sts., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Aagard, a former Los Angeles Baptist minister, has since 1949 been registrar and professor of Greek and Bible at the Western Baptist Bible College, Oakland.

While training other young people for missionary service, he and Mrs. Aagard made application to the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism for service in the Philippines. For several months they have been in deputation, and plans now are they will sail sometime in January.

Rev. Aagard has both slides and color movies of the work in the Philippines. The public is invited to hear this excellently trained missionary.

Offer Reward For Info on Car Blasting

North American Aircraft is offering a \$5000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for explosion damage to a car owned by Luster Marley, 4340 W. 170th St.

Marley, a leadman at North American, told police that he returned to work a week after the strike began. The employee and his wife and two children, Audrey 11 and Randy, 1, were asleep in their home when the blast occurred in the car which was parked in an alleyway next to the house. Deputies believe that some sort of explosive had been placed in the car's gasoline tank.

Several holes were ripped in the rear fender of the car by the explosion. The Marleys were not hurt.

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Lesson-Sermon For Next Sunday On Only Creator

The healing force of the recognition of God's perfect creation will be expounded in the Sunday Lesson-Sermon, "God the Only Cause and Creator," in all Christian Science churches.

The Psalmist sang in the Golden Text (75:1), "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

Luke's Gospel (13:11-13) relates this incident of healing by Jesus. "There was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity... and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy admonishes, "Maintain the facts of Christian Science,—that Spirit is God, and therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win (p. 417)."

Offices in City Hall Rearranged

Rearrangement of offices in the Torrance City Hall should be completed by the end of this week.

The shuffling was initiated to provide more working area for city officials and employees. The space formerly occupied by the city court is being converted into offices for City Manager George Stevens, City Treasurer Harriett Leech, Juvenile Officer D. C. Cook, and a conference room.

The office now used by Stevens has been divided into two offices, which will be occupied by Ronald Bishop, city engineer, and John Patrick, assistant city engineer.

The rearrangement will provide more space for draftsmen and other engineering and building department workers.

HIT WRONG BIRD
Phoenix, Ariz.—Grover Ratts, a gardener, was eating his lunch outdoors, when a rifle bullet pierced his back. Startled and hurt, Ratts yelled and Mike Milhaus, 17, rushed to his aid. Mike admitted he had been shooting at a mocking bird and missed, the shot caroming through a hedge into the adjoining yard. Although hospitalized, Ratts' injuries were not serious.

Torrance Church Calendar

CENTRAL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Marcelina & Arlington
Rev. Walter M. Stanton, FA 8-3010
11:00—Morning Worship
5:00—Youth Fellowship
7:30—Evening Worship
Midweek—Worship Service 7:00
Wednesday evening

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor
Phone FA. 8-5884—Res. FA 8-3249
9:00—Sunday School
9:00—Worship Service
10:45—Sunday School

TORRANCE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
3645 Torrance Blvd.
Sun. 9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors
8:30 p.m.—Evangelistic
Thursday Night Bible Study
Conducted by Art L. B. Reynolds of Hermosa Beach.
Henry and Ida Bando, Pastors
Telephone FA 8-3073

POUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH
1207 El Prado—Tel. FA. 8-5736
Rev. and Mrs. Jas. P. Lowen.
SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Group Service 6:30 p.m.
(Y.P. Cadets, Defenders)
Evangelistic 7:30 p.m.
MIDWEEK: Wednesday—Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
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SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD
17661 Yukon Ave., Torrance
Rev. Cliff Tierney, Pastor
Telephone DA 8-0353
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic Service—7:30 p.m.
Mid-week Service—Wed. 7:30 p.m.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Arthur E. Bello, Rector
Phone FA 8-3781, Res. FA 8-5649
1432 Engracia
Across From Torrance Memorial Hospital
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Family Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

Dear Santa Claus...
Merry Christmas to All...
May the joys of this Yuletide Season be many to you and yours. May the Heavens guide your thoughts back to the place where the Savior was born.
On this day may we remember His words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May we remember Christmas as the Birthday Anniversary of Our Savior.

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